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LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 BOARD MAKES MATH PROFICIENCY THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

With scores below state standards, the Board voted to move in another direction if significant progress isn't made by the end of the school year

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – The Liberty Elementary School Board continues to look at how they can improve the education offered to its student body. Recently the Board has honed in on math scores throughout the district. Following much discussion, the board agreed to give one final chance to the current math curriculum being taught in the district. If the proficiency scores do not improve by the end of the school year, the board will look elsewhere for a new curriculum with proven results.

“It has been disappointing to say the least looking at our math scores across the board from our district schools,” said LESD Board President Michael Todd. “It is not fair to our students. We are prepared to move to another curriculum if our scores don’t show a massive improvement by the end of this school year.”

Over the past seven years, Math scores in grades three through eight have stagnated. The Board recently determined that math proficiency districtwide has dropped to low levels that are unacceptable. With that, the Board has decided to potentially move on from Common Core based OpenUp Illustrative Mathematics (the primary math curriculum), if significant growth through state standardized test scores is not achieved by July 1, 2025. If the growth does not occur, the Board may authorize teaching a new classic math curriculum for school year 2025/2026, providing foundational math skills that meet the grade level of the student.

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About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging

learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

Inspire students to be lifelong learners and empower all students to reach their full potential

